

In the claims:

Claims 1-9 cancelled.

10. (Currently amended) A method for controlling the scale of a map detail shown on a display unit of a navigation device, comprising the steps of setting the scale of the map detail displayed as a function of the distance of a current vehicle position from a next decision point located between the current vehicle position and a navigation destination that relates to a driving instruction, which has been issued or is to be issued based on a calculated driving route; setting the scale of the map detail displayed in such a way that both the current vehicle position and the next decision point located between the current vehicle position and a navigation destination are shown on the display simultaneously; displaying the route between the current vehicle position and the next decision point located between the current vehicle position and a navigation destination in a scale that is the largest possible for the display unit.

11. (original) The method according to claim 10; and further comprising setting the scale of the map detail in such a way that a predetermined surrounding area around the current vehicle position and/or the next decision point can be shown on the display.

12. (original) The method according to claim 10; and further comprising the scale of the map display to be essentially inversely proportional to a distance between the current vehicle position and the next decision point.

13. (original) The method according to claim 10; and further comprising increasing the scale of the current map detail in preset stages as the vehicle position approaches the next decision point.

14. (original) The method according to claim 10; and further comprising setting the scale of the map detail display, when the current vehicle position has reached the decision point, with a decision point which is then next.

15. (Currently amended) A navigation device comprising a display unit for showing a map detail; a control unit for setting the scale of the map details display, said control unit setting the scale of the map detail display as a function of a distance of a current vehicle position from a next decision point located between the current vehicle position and a navigation destination that relates to a driving instruction which has been issued or is to be issued based on a calculated driving route, said control unit setting the scale of the map detail display in such a way that both the current vehicle

position and the next decision point located between the current vehicle position and a navigation destination are shown on the display simultaneously, said control unit setting the scale of the map detail displayed in such a way that the route between the current vehicle position and the next decision point located between the current vehicle position and a navigation destination is displayed in a scale that is the largest possible for the display unit.